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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission, Peter W. Bodde, Reasons 1.4 (b)  
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[1](#)1. (C) On November 13, Haider Shah, Director of the United Nations desk at the Pakistan MFA, called Polcouns to respond to reftel demarches. Shah said that after careful review of the pros and cons, Pakistan had decided to decline the Chairmanship for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Because Pakistan is currently a member of the OPCW Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Asia Group, the MFA decided that it could not further commit itself at this time. Polcouns expressed disappointment in the decision, saying that Pakistan was missing an opportunity to enhance its counter-proliferation image but would convey GOP regrets to The Hague.  
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